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Letter dated 24 October 2018 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the President of the General Assembly

Upon instruction from my Government, I have the honour to transmit herewith the response by the Islamic Republic of Iran to the address made by the President of the Argentine Republic, Mauricio Macri, on 25 September 2018 during the general debate of the seventy-third session of the General Assembly (see annex).

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 8.

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Remarks in response to the address made by the President of the Republic of Argentina during the general debate of the seventy-third session of the General Assembly

The President of the Republic of Argentina, during his address to the General Assembly on 25 September 2018, made a request to the Islamic Republic of Iran for cooperation with the Argentine judicial authorities to advance the investigation into the attack on the AMIA in Argentina. In this regard, we would like to highlight the following:

The Islamic Republic of Iran condemns and rejects the acts, methods and practices of terrorism wherever, by whomever, against whomsoever committed. We do believe that there is a need for a comprehensive plan as well as close cooperation and coordination between relevant stakeholders to eradicate terrorism. As a target of terrorism in the past and today, the Islamic Republic of Iran has always been and will always remain committed to actively engaging in the fight against terrorism.

Tehran has repeatedly condemned the AMIA bombing since its occurrence and has expressed sympathy with the families of its victims. Iran accepted Argentina's call in the General Assembly tribune in 2012 for talks as a gesture of goodwill for fact-finding and rule of justice. In this regard, Tehran and Buenos Aires signed a memorandum of understanding on the issue in January 2013, but regretfully the Argentine Government is not willing to implement the agreement that it has undertaken itself.

Once again, the Islamic Republic of Iran emphasizes its preparedness for constructive cooperation with Argentine authorities. In this regard and as another gesture of helpfulness, we have proposed a new initiative for a meeting between the two countries' judicial officials with a view to remove the shortcomings, deficiencies and ambiguities that exist in the Argentine requests. This proposal has recently been welcomed by the Argentine Government, and we continue to constructively work with and assist the Argentine officials in this context.